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Applicant(s): Keith L. Frost et al. Attorney Docket No: BIOL0017
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING REPORTER LABELED BEADS

ELECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an response in the above-identified patent application.

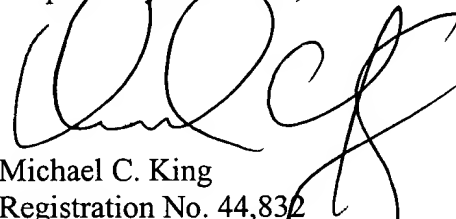
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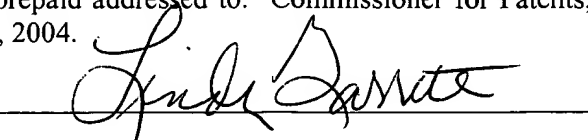
<u>Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended</u>					
	<u>Claims Remaining after Amendment</u>	<u>Highest Number Previously Paid For</u>	<u>Present Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
Total Claims	59	59	-0-	x \$19	\$-0-
Independent Claims	9	9	-0-	x \$44	<u>-0-</u>
ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					<u>\$ -0-</u>

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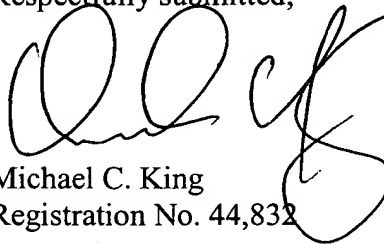
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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

The following is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed October 8, 2004, in which the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has indicated that this application contains claims directed to two groups of patentably distinct inventions. The Examiner indicates that a first invention (Group I) is defined by Claims 1-12 and 21-36 and is directed to a method for imaging and decoding a plurality of encoded beads, and a second invention (Group II) is defined by Claims 13-20 and 37-59, and is directed to imaging beads in flow.

Election: In response to this Restriction, applicants hereby affirmatively elect the claims of Group II (i.e., Claims 13-20 and 37-59), without traverse.

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